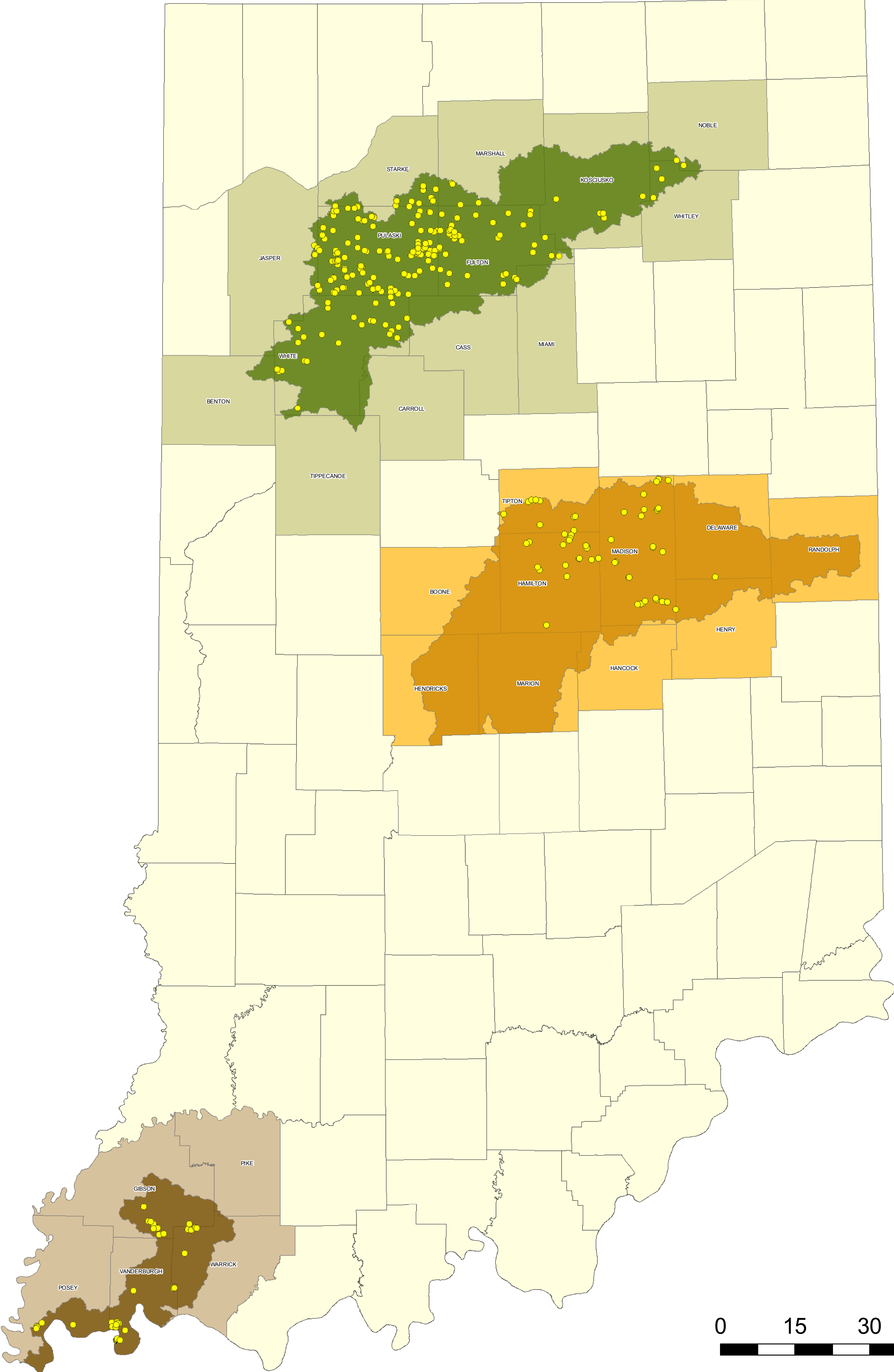


# Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



What is the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program?  
The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

What is the Indiana CREP?  
The Indiana CREP is a partnership between USDA and the state of Indiana. The program targets the enrollment of 7,000 acres of land in the Pigeon-Highland, Tippecanoe, and Upper White River watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

What are the potential benefits of the Indiana CREP?  
The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will also reduce nonpoint source nutrient losses.

Currently, the Indiana CREP has secured a total of 356 contracts with landowners. The contracts comprise over 2,254 acres of conservation practices allocating a total of over \$5 million dollars.

